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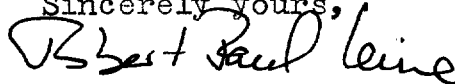
Professor Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 26. Your offer is very tempting, and I appreciate your mentioning it to me. I am interested in finding a permanent job in an institution which sponsors research. This is, of course, the ideal job. However, if such a job were not to turn up for this fall, and this is probable, I would want to consider some sort of postdoctoral research. I have applied to both N.R.C. and P.H.S. for a fellowship to go to Italy to work with Buzzati. From the way the world looks now I'm afraid that I shan't make it. Would it be possible for me to give you a definite answer regarding your offer early in March? By then I should know about most job opportunities and the fellowship. The E.coli problem interests me very much and I would appreciate the chance to learn something about bacterial genetics.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Paul Levine